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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 USC 371**

International Application No.: PCT/JP01/04121
 International Filing Date: May 17, 2001
 Priority Date Claimed: May 17, 2000
 Title of Invention: MOISTURE ABSORBING FORMED BODY
 Applicant(s) for DO/EO/US: Yohei Kawaguchi, Masayuki Fujimori, Teruo Uchibori, Kaneto Ohyama
 and Atsushi Nishino

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. (X) This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
2. (X) This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
3. (X) A copy of the International Application as filed (35 USC 371(c)(2))
 - a) () is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) (X) has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) (X) a copy of Form PCT/IB/308 is enclosed.
 - d) () is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
4. (X) A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)).
5. (X) Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
 - a) () are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b) () have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c) () have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d) (X) have not been made and will not be made.
6. (X) International Search Report.
7. (X) PCT Request Form.
8. (X) International Application as published (face sheet only).
9. (X) PCT Form PCT/IB/306.
10. (X) Drawing in seven (7) pages.
11. (X) Verification of Translation
12. (X) A return prepaid postcard.
13. (X) The following fees are submitted:

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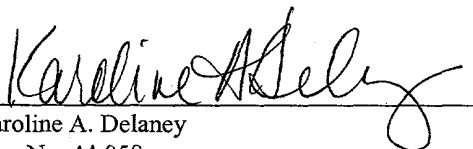
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| BASIC FEE | | | | \$890 |
| CLAIMS | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | |
| Total Claims | 14 - 20 = | 0 × | \$18 | \$0 |
| Independent Claims | 1 - 3 = | 1 × | \$84 | \$0 |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS | | | | \$890 |
| TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED | | | | \$890 |

14. (X) The fee for later submission of the signed oath or declaration set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(e) will be paid upon submission of the declaration.
15. (X) A check in the amount of \$890.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
16. (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge only those additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, to avoid abandonment of the application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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